

<b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/535,364	<b>Applicant(s)</b> COMB ET AL.	
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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 31 August 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

a) ☒ entered.

b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.


c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.

d) ☐ disapproved. See explanation below.

e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

  
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New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the drawing sheets dated 3/21/2000 are illegible. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karen Canella whose telephone number is (571) 272 0828. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 8 pm. A message may be left on the examiner's voice mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Siew, can be reached on (571) 272 0787. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308 0196.

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